

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool holder (1) for a rotary hammer, comprising:
a tube like tool holder main body (10) having a side wall including a radially inward facing surface and formed with ~~at least one~~ a first through hole (11), for receiving a locking body (12) for releaseably engaging a corresponding axial closed groove of a ~~tool or bit~~ shank inserted within the tool holder, and formed with ~~at least one additional~~ a second through hole (40);
~~at least one~~ a hardened metal driving rib (46) located on an insert (42), the ~~or each of which~~ insert[[s]] is fitted within ~~a corresponding additional~~ the second through hole (40) so that the driving rib extends axially and extends radially inwardly of the radially inward facing surface ~~of the holder body~~ for ~~releaseably~~ engaging a corresponding axial rearwardly open driving groove of ~~a tool or bit~~ the shank inserted within the tool holder; and
characteri[[s]]zed in that the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is formed by at least two overlapping axially offset circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b) and the corresponding insert has a base (44) shaped to fit the second through hole (40).
2. (Original) A tool holder according to claim 1 wherein the at least two overlapping axially offset through holes (40a, 40b) are circumferentially aligned on the holder body.
3. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is circumferentially offset with respect to the ~~or each~~ first through hole (11) for receiving a locking body (12).

4. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of claims to 3~~ claim 1 wherein the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is formed by two overlapping axially offset circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b).
5. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the side wall includes a radially outward facing surface and each circular cross-sectioned hole (40a, 40b) has a cross-section with a constant diameter from the radially ~~outer~~ outward facing surface to the radially ~~inner~~ inward facing surface of the tool holder main body (10).
6. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the ~~or each~~ insert (42) is secured in the ~~corresponding additional second~~ through hole (40) ~~in the holder body 10~~ by at least one of press fitting, adhesion, soldering ~~[[or]]~~ and welding.
7. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the ~~or each~~ rib (46) is formed on the insert (44) and the insert is made of hardened metal.
8. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the hardened metal driving rib is made of a carbide material
9. (Currently Amended) A tool holder according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the base (44) of the ~~or each~~ insert (42) is shaped like a number, corresponding to the number of circular cross-sectioned through holes, of overlapping solid cylinders (44a, 44b) arranged side by side with their axes parallel.
10. (Original) A tool holder according to claim 9 wherein the base (44) has an end face shaped as two overlapping circles and the rib (46) extends lengthwise across said end face.

11. (Canceled) A tool holder substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to any one of the accompanying Figures.

12. (Currently Amended) A tube like tool holder ~~main~~ body (10) of a tool holder ~~[[1]]~~ suitable for a rotary hammer having a side wall formed with ~~at least one~~ a first through hole (11) suitable for receiving a corresponding locking body (12) of a tool holder, and formed with ~~at least one additional~~ a second through hole (40) suitable for receiving ~~at least one~~ a hardened metal driving rib insert (42) of a tool holder, and characterised in that the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is formed by at least two overlapping axially offset circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b).

13. (Currently Amended) A tool holder body according to claim 12 wherein the at least two overlapping axially offset through holes (40a, 40b) are circumferentially aligned on the tool holder body.

14. (Currently Amended) A tool holder body according to claim 12 ~~or claim 13~~ wherein the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is circumferentially offset with respect to the ~~or each~~ first through hole (11) ~~for receiving a locking body (12).~~

15. (Currently Amended) A tool holder body according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 12 ~~or claim 14~~ wherein the ~~or each additional~~ second through hole (40) is formed by two overlapping axially offset circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b).

16. (Currently Amended) A tool holder body according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 12 ~~to 15~~ wherein the tool holder body includes a radially outer surface and a radially inner surface, and each circular cross-sectioned through hole (40a, 40b) has a cross-section with a constant diameter from the radially outer surface to the radially inner surface of the tool holder body (10).

17. (Currently Amended) A driving rib insert (42) for ~~[[the]]~~ a tubular tool holder body according to any one of claims 12 to 16 including a radially inward facing surface and a radially outward facing surface and formed with a through hole formed by at least two overlapping axially offset circular cross-sectioned through holes, the driving rib insert comprising at least one hardened metal driving rib (46) located on a base (44) ~~of the insert (42) which base is shaped to fit a corresponding additional~~ the through hole (40) in the tool holder body so that the rib extends axially and extends radially inwardly of the radially inward facing surface of the tool holder body.

18. (Currently Amended) An insert according to claim 17 wherein the rib (46) is formed on the insert (44) and the insert is made of hardened metal.

19. (Currently Amended) An insert according to claim 17 ~~or claim 18~~ wherein the hardened metal is carbide material.

20. (Currently Amended) An insert according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 17 to 19 wherein the base (44) of the insert (42) is shaped like a number, corresponding to the number of circular cross-sectioned through holes, of overlapping solid cylinders (44a, 44b) arranged side by side with their axes parallel.

21. (Original) An insert according to claim 20 wherein the base (44) has an end face shaped as two overlapping circles and the rib (46) extends lengthwise across said end face.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a driving rib insert (42) ~~according to any one of claims 17 to 21~~ to a tool holder body (10) ~~according to any one of claims 12 to 16~~, comprising the steps of;

providing a tubular tool holder body comprising a radially inward facing surface and a radially outward facing surface, and defining a radially extending through hole formed as an axially extending series of partially overlapping cylindrical bores;

providing a driving rib insert comprising a rib and a base, the base formed of a series of partially overlapping cylinders and dimensioned to fit into the through hole in the tool holder body;

inserting the driving rib insert (42) into the ~~corresponding additional~~ through hole (40) so that the rib (46) of the insert extends axially and extends radially inwardly of the radially inward facing surface of the tool holder body; and

securing the insert (42) in the ~~additional~~ through hole (40) by at least one of press-fitting, adhesion, soldering, and ~~[[or]]~~ welding.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of forming the holder body (10) of any one of claims 12 to 16 comprising the steps of:

drilling a first of the plurality of the circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b) using a drilling tool;

altering by a predetermined axial distance the relative positions of the drilling tool and the holder body; and

drilling a second of the plurality of the circular cross-sectioned through holes (40a, 40b) using the drilling tool;

wherein the predetermined distance is set so that the first and second circular cross-sectioned holes (40a, 40b) overlap.